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### REGULAR PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Delegate in Congress,  
**TRANQUILINO LUNA,**  
Of Valencia County.

For the Council,  
**D. M. EASTON,**  
**JOHN A. MILLER**

For Representatives,  
**FLORENCIO GONZALES,**  
**NICHOLAS GALLES.**

For Sheriff,  
**JAMES A. TOMLINSON.**

For Probate Judge,  
**WILL DOWLIN.**

For Probate Clerk,  
**SAMUEL R. CORBET.**

For Treasurer,  
**ARCADIO SAIS.**

For County Commissioners,  
**JOSE MONTAÑO,**  
**E. T. STONE,**  
**ANDREW WILSON.**

For School Commissioners,  
**GEO. L. ULRICK,**  
**FRANCISCO ROMERO Y LUCERAS.**

The *Foghorn* man has an attack of the jims. This time it is Jim Tomlinson. After the election is over, he'll have the jims, and he will have 'em bad.

If the LEADER has accomplished nothing else it has at least rustled around this journalistic graveyard until it has waked the *Foghorn* from its Rip Van Winkle sleep. Hello! Good morning, neighbor. "It is alive!"

When you meet a man with an uneasy think-we-will-get-it-on-the-sneet sort of a look on his face you may safely set him down as a supporter of the dry-washer ticket. The Regulars are all healthy, confident, wide-awake sort of fellows, who snuff victory in the air.

Those who have been there, say it is truly pathetic to watch the garrulous old crone who mixes the witches broth for the dry-washer conclave, draw down the corners of his mouth and slip 'em into his vest pockets as he sits down to dish it up to the "Whining bolter" of the LEADER. "Pull the string."

The *Foghorn* has gone and blowed it all over town that the LEADER man is like a fire-cracker—makes a loud noise and a bad smell, (new joke). If the L. M. has been stealing his thunder he is truly sorry and will fire it back to him at once. After carefully watching the vacuum where the editor of the *Foghorn* had been spreading himself over its columns for the last two months, we made up our mind that he had become so thin it took about fourteen of him to make any kind of a smell.

A statement is going the rounds of the exchanges that a man has just been released from the penitentiary of Pennsylvania who has been in prison thirty years. He was a forger, and was convicted and sentenced in 1852. What changes that man will find in the world, and what his thoughts must be! He owned a house and lot, which was worth about \$1,500 when he went to prison, and the increase in its value, and the income it has brought him, now gives him a fortune of \$40,000 to start again in life. It might be well for some of our fifteen cent capitalists to invest their money the same way. There is more money in it than in dealing in mines, besides it would not take near the amount of "rustling" with the boarding-house keepers.

## BLAZER'S BLISTER!

Which the Doctor Applies to the Back of That Old Serpent DeLaney.

It also Serves as a Counter Irritant for the Other Political Jumbos who have

Personal Grudges or Grippings for Government Grub.

Aye, There's the Rub!

The Wool is Found Sticking in the Teeth of the Other Fellow.

SOUTH FORK, LINCOLN CO. N. M., October 28, 1882.

Editor Lincoln County Leader:

In the last issue of the *White Oaks Golden Era* some grave charges are made against Mr. D. M. Easton, in which my name appears:

I merely desire to say in connection with the subject that Mr. Easton did not receive, either from or through me, any money or any consideration in lieu of money, nor the promise of any or proposition to that effect, to influence his action in the last Legislature.

Mr. DeLaney paid me to go to Santa Fe, as a matter of business, and to further his business, he gave me to understand that in the event of a Funding Bill becoming a law, I would receive the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, to use as I saw fit, or as Mr. DeLaney suggested, to bribe members of the Legislature, this latter I did not even see fit to make the attempt.

The bill passed and I received the seven hundred and fifty dollars—and kept it.

If Mr. DeLaney supposed I would leave my business, go to Santa Fe, in the middle of winter, remain there one or two weeks, just for the sake of charity to him, he gave me too much credit.

My principal anxiety for the passage of the funding bill arose from the fact that I was on Dowlin & DeLaney's paper, held by the First National Bank of Santa Fe, to the amount of nearly nine thousand dollars, and if the bill did not become a law, there was a strong probability that my property would be taken in satisfaction for their debts.

My telegram to DeLaney, as follows: "The Santa Fe party whom you referred to has offered to sacrifice your wool," did not refer to Mr. Easton, but to Mr. W. T. Thornton, member of the Council from Santa Fe county, who thinking that Mr. Easton's action on the funding bill would be influenced by his enmity toward DeLaney, and knowing that the county warrants held by DeLaney were the proceeds of the sale of the present court house building, offered to accept an amendment to the Funding Bill, excepting from its provisions all county warrants issued by the County Commissioners of Lincoln Co., for the payment of county buildings.

I am not aware that Mr. Will Dowlin was at all conversant with the facts as stated above, at that time.

I merely make this statement public in justice to Mr. Easton and Mr. Miller. Very Respectfully,  
J. H. BLAZER.

## THAT TOWN-SITE BILL.

David M. Easton Answers the Charges Brought Against Him.

And Fixes the Blame on the other Party, where it belongs.

South Fork, N. M.,

October 18, 1882.

Editor Rio Grande Republican.

In the Convention held at Mesilla, the other day, one of the "planks" in their platform reads as follows:

8th. We are in favor of the repeal of all that portion of the "Town site law" passed by the last Legislature, which requires the owners of lots within town sites on the public domain to pay exorbitant and unnecessary fees to the Probate Judge to obtain title to their property; and we assert that Representative D. M. Easton in introducing and securing the passage of said law was animated by no proper motive, and that said law was passed to benefit individuals at the expense of the people.

The statements made in the above extracts are false. The bill in question was written in Col. F. A. Blake's room, at the Exchange Hotel, in Santa Fe. This gentleman, now a candidate on the "Kickers" ticket for the Territorial Assembly, approved the bill, as he so stated to me at the time. The "Town Site bill" was not introduced by me, but by the Hon. W. T. Thornton, member of the Council from Santa Fe, passed the Council, and was referred to the Assembly for their action. When the bill came up for discussion, I amended it by reducing the fees allowed to the Probate Judge, when the proposed town site exceeded eighty acres. The amendment made a scale of fees; for as the town site embraced a greater quantity of acres, the fees were reduced proportionately. The bill passed the House as thus amended and was returned to the Council for their concurrence. By some means, after the bill reached the Council, the amendment was missing. Mr. Hazledine, of Albuquerque, informed me of the fact. I then wrote and handed him the amendment, and he attached it to the original bill. This was the extent of my connection with the whole matter.

Col. Blake not only approved the bill, but in reference to it, wrote me the following letter upon his return to White Oaks:

White Oaks, Feb'y, 14, 1882.

Hon. D. M. EASTON,

Santa Fe, N. M.

DEAR SIR:—I expect you have received copies of the *Era* of last week, and would naturally wish to know how I felt about things generally. Well, as you may think if I keep silence that I endorse everything said or unsaid in the *Era*, I will state just how things are. On my return from Santa Fe I had a talk with Mr. Sligh, and expressed myself in strong terms of praise in regard to the work you were doing in the House, and urged him to sustain you. I also stated to him that, in my opinion, your general course would be a credit to the county and Territory. I meant what I said, and while I did not presume to dictate what course he should take in reference to you, I had a right to presume that my opinion would receive some consideration. You must be your own judge, from the files of the paper, about what amount of consideration it has received so far.

You can rely on the above.

Very Truly Yours,

(Signed) F. A. BLAKE.

The *Golden Era*, of the issue referred to in Col. Blake's letter, contained an editorial, headed in flaming headlines, "SNEAK-THIEF THORNTON'S GRAB TOWN-SITE BILL!" in which Mr. Thornton's course was very severely criticized, as was also my action in supporting the bill in the Lower House.

In a conversation with Mr. Thornton, he expressed himself as feeling aggrieved at the article in question, and informed me that he would make Mr. Sligh retract; that he held the whip-hand over him and would use it. Mr. Thornton then read to me a letter he had written to the editor of the *Golden*

*Era*, in which he stated that he was in possession of documentary evidence to the effect that Mr. Sligh had been engaged in some "blackmailing" scheme, and that if Sligh did not let up on him, he (Thornton) would publish the same. Mr. Thornton also told Mr. Dolan and Judge Tomlinson that he held Sligh's letters, that if made known would place Sligh in a peculiar position.

Mr. Thornton was present at the Mesilla Convention when their platform was read; took a prominent part in the proceedings, and knew that this part of their resolutions referring to me was utterly false, totally devoid of foundation, and by his acquiescence in the proceedings as published, made himself a party to the lie.

Very Respectfully,  
D. M. EASTON.

### THE LOCAL WOOL MARKET.

The following were received just before going to press, and are the very latest quotations. One is a copy of a telegram sent to the *Rio Grande Republican*, and the other a letter from Hon. D. M. Easton, and are reliable:

(COPY OF TELEGRAM.)

FORT STANTON, N. M.,

October 28, 1882.

Rio Grande Republican, Las Cruces, N. M. The statement in the *Golden Era* that any member of the last Legislature was bribed by or through me or that any money was paid through me to either Easton or Miller, is a direct and villainous falsehood.

(Signed) J. H. BLAZER.

LINCOLN, N. M.,

November 1, 1882.

Editor Lincoln County Leader:

Have just arrived at Lincoln; I have had warrants issued for the arrest of John C. DeLaney, S. S. Terrell and Helplingstine on the charge of criminal libel. I am determined to push this matter through to the bitter end, and have the scoundrels who have been engaged in propagating infamous lies against me punished.

Yours respectfully,  
D. M. EASTON.

### Another Batch of Wool in Danger.

LINCOLN, N. M.,

October 30, 1882.

Editor Lincoln County Leader:

An article appeared in your issue of the 28th inst., with reference to certain Lincoln county officials speculating in county warrants. There can be no doubt on that question. From January 1st, 1881, to September 30, 1882, inclusive, merchandise and liquor licenses have been issued by the Probate Clerk, and turned over to the Sheriff for collection, amounting in the aggregate to \$3,067 50, of which sum \$1,538 75 belongs to the Territory, and an equal sum to the county. But not a single dollar in currency of the above named sum has been paid into the county treasury. The Sheriff has no credits on the account current book in the Probate Clerk's office between the 4th day of April and July 7th, of the current year. The law states that—

On or before the tenth day of each month the Collector shall pay to the County Treasurer all moneys due the county for taxes and licenses or otherwise collected by him for county or other purposes, etc.

Why has not the law been complied with? Because it was more profitable to buy county warrants (in violation of law) issued prior to July 1st with the county money collected from licenses, and have said warrants funded at the July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, which bonds were selling at a premium, and then purchase at a liberal discount warrants issued subsequent to July 1st, and not convertible into bonds, and turn the same into the county treasury at their face value.

GRAND JURYMEN.

The foregoing statement needs no comment from the LEADER further than the assurance that the maker of it is in position to learn the facts and does know just what he is talking about. Should any one doubt our authority we can readily satisfy them. Our opponents began this crusade on the records of candidates and we cheerfully take up the gauntlet thus thrown down. Our only regret is that we are compelled to discuss these matters during a political canvass, and on the eve of an election, when men's passions are somewhat inflamed. These are grave matters which concern the whole people and should only be

investigated in the calm, cool aftermath of the campaign. It is the fault of political precedent that the acts of our public servants are only discussed during times of greatest excitement.

### From the Red Cloud Precinct.

Editor Leader:

I wish to give a true and impartial statement in regard to the Gallinas mining camp being a legitimate voting precinct and the persons who were instrumental in securing the same, with its boundaries, etc.

I have heard a great deal of talk from the opposition in regard to the Gallinas as a voting precinct, and as above stated we desire to give a correct detail wherein the voters of Gallinas are interested.

In the first place the opposition is trying to make it appear that the Alkali Wells are not situated in Lincoln county, consequently the people of that locality cannot legally vote in Lincoln county, but if these influential parties who had taken so much pains to find out that it is not in this county, will take one half the trouble to look at the map, they will certainly find that the base line running from east to west runs close by the Wells, but upon a closer inspection they will find the county line several miles north of this base line leaving the Alkali Wells in this county.

If the Alkali Wells are not in this county, why has our sheriff been collecting taxes from them for the last two years or more, as we are creditably informed he has done, for the support of the county?

It has also been asserted by John Walters and Frank Lea that it was through their influence that the Gallinas became a voting precinct, but in this I beg to differ. There was one petition presented to the County Commissioners something over one year ago, but owing to a lack of citizens appearing upon the petition, it was rejected. But last summer, I think in June, Mr. Milne and Mr. Clark were here looking after some mining property, and they talked the matter over with the people in that section, and it was decided to get a petition with the required number of names and have the County Commissioners act upon the same. O. D. Kelsey, John Bolton and another party, I have forgotten his name, drew up the petition, sent it to Judge Tomlinson, and he sent it to the County Commissioners, and they declared the Gallinas a voting precinct.

Now, I am not inclined to be inconsistent in regard to this, but only desire to show to the parties that I believe in a true and honest statement of facts, and a fair representation of the matter to the people of the county.

### GALLINAS MINER.

Punkin Roe, near

Roswell, October, 25th

Editor Lincoln County Leader.

Dear Sir:—Punkin Roe, so named by one of nature's noblemen who resides at the present time, on Bitter creek, (near Roswell also) is a scope of farming country, lying on the ridge between Roswell and South Spring River, this ridge is settled by Grangers, the writer of this being one of them, who, together with his neighbors, have become dissatisfied and utterly disgusted with the false representations made in the *Golden Era*, by that worthless vagabond Ash Upson, who of late has been in the employ of the Tall Sycamore, of Roswell, and is a candidate for the office of Senator from this district, writing newspaper articles for and in the interest of this would be Senator, who cannot put three sentences together intelligibly, all of which is well known to the settlers on the ridge, and in the face of these facts, the Tall Sycamore is working night and day in this neighborhood (look out for him, as he will be in your vicinity in a few days) to induce us to vote, at the coming election, for the would-be Senator or Councilman, and the balance of the new and untried men whose names appear as candidates for the different county offices, on what is termed in these parts the

"Peoples Ticket." Now Mr. Editor, we are free-born American citizens who at the coming election intend to exercise our right of suffrage as our judgement dictates, and we do not propose to be guided or influenced by the Tall Sycamore or his candidate for the Council, the Post-trader's assertion to the contrary! We intend to vote for the men who are qualified to fill the different positions they aspire to, and we believe these men to be the candidates whose names appear in your paper on the "Regular Peoples Ticket," and I would add that the above is the sentiments of the inhabitants of Precinct No. 7, although some of them do not wish to hurt the Tall Sycamore's feelings by expressing them.

PRECINCT NO. 7.

JOHN A. MILLER.

Friends and Foes Alike Come to the Rescue.

Of late that galvanized smut machine known as the *Mesilla News* and its echo, the *Foghorn* at this place, have been industriously throwing their filth at the Hon. John A. Miller, candidate for the Council on the regular ticket. It is needless to say that in this matter Mr. Miller has always maintained a commendable silence, preferring rather to let them exercise the only talent they possess in their own peculiar way, much after the manner of other harmless lunatics.

However, some of Miller's friends, thinking that the public generally might not be acquainted with the unfortunate malady of which these parties are possessed, have come to his defence, and the *Rio Grande Republican* this week publishes letters from several leading citizens of Mr. Miller's own county which effectually decolorizes the filth thus far thrown. We have space for but one which we give and it will explain itself:

SILVER CITY, N. M.,

October 24, 1882.

Editor Rio Grande Republican: Of all the reprehensible things resorted to in a political contest, that of the defamation of the good character of an opponent is the meanest and lowest.

Any man who will stoop to this practice is unworthy the confidence or support of the public.

Not only has this been done, but wholesale lying has been added. As an illustration, take the articles in the *Mesilla News*, headed "The Graveyard Ghouls. The Despoiler of the Dead," etc. It is well known by the residents of Silver City that the old graveyard in the valley at the upper end of town was a drain through which came at least a portion of the water used by the citizens living below. It is well known that our City Council passed an act forbidding further burial in this ground. It is well known that subsequently they decided to have the remains of those buried there removed to the cemetery established on the Fort Bayard road.

Mr. John A. Miller made this offer to the city government: "To remove all the remains and place them in the new cemetery, together with a plat showing where all known remains were buried, taking in consideration therefore the old cemetery ground."

He placed Col. Ledbetter in charge of this work, than whom a more conscientious and honorable gentleman does not live; and to Col. Ledbetter I refer the writer of the infamous article in the *Mesilla News* of the 14th.

The article above referred to purports to have been written at Silver City by "A Mourner." It bears the ear marks of a scribbler at Mesilla who visited this city a short time ago, and who, in my opinion, is the only man in Southern New Mexico who would stoop so low, and so degrade his manhood.

Politically I am not a friend to John A. Miller; but knowing as I do that the article referred to is a base and villainous fabrication, I cannot stand idly by and let it go undenied to the people.

C. BENNETT.